

Luther Place Memorial Church
1226 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Luther Place Memorial Church		HABS NO. DC-446
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1226 Vermont Avenue, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Bulk of building completed 1870-1873, towers completed in 1880's	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Original design by Judson York, design modified by J. C. Harkness and H. S. Davis	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An interesting example of Gothic Revival church architecture, the church serves as an architectural focal point of Thomas Circle.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Gothic Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red sandstone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Fan-shaped auditorium; octagonal entrance tower with spire at south end; 2 low, octagonal entrance towers on northern rear; 3-story parish house wing to north		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Main tower has projecting entrance gables on 3 sides, each with recessed doorway and tracery window; belfry consists of 8 louvered gables; throughout building are stepped buttresses with pinnacles; openings are pointed arched		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1904: fire destroyed part of the main tower and auditorium 1969-1970: interior remodeling		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Still in use as a church		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places (Information above taken from nomination form)		
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